

REMARKS

In a communication mailed November 13, 2009, the Office stated that the metes and bounds of the claimed invention of formula I are confusingly claimed because elements x, q, and d are recited, but are not present. The Office has therefore requested that applicants delete reference to elements x, q, and d from the claims.

The Office has further requested that applicants claim the genus of compounds of formula I by reciting 2 separate structures, instead of reciting that “if a is 1 then b is 0; and if a is 0 then b is 1.”

In the present amendment, Applicants have amended the claims as requested by the Office. In particular, elements x, q, and d have been deleted from the claimed formula. Additionally, element z, which was previously indicated as being “4,” has been removed and replaced with the number 4. Element y, which was previously indicated as being “1,” has been removed, and the corresponding element has been left as part of the structure. R₁, which was previously indicated as being the side chain of glycine, has been replaced by an “—H” moiety (i.e., the side chain of glycine). Finally, claims 1 and 56 have been amended to recite two separate structures, instead of reciting that “if a is 1 then b is 0; and that if a is 0 then b is 1.”

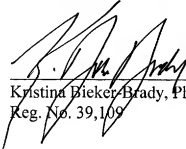
Applicants have made these amendments solely to clarify the claimed subject matter. This amendment adds no new matter.

Applicants believe that no fees are due at this time. If, however, there are any charges or credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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